

To the FCC

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to make their stations air anti-Kerry propaganda (pseudo-documentary) just before the election exemplifies the problem with one-sided centralized corporate media control.

When large companies use the airwaves - which they get free of charge and with an obligation to serve the public interest - to serve partisan political interests blatantly, there is something terribly wrong.

An honest documentary would not only air Kerry's actions in opposition to the Vietnam War, but also would examine objectively the conditions and factors which might legitimize or at least explain such actions or even render them patriotic acts. One should not be crucified, especially with no chance for rebuttal, for opposing an unjust war. Atrocities are always committed when you seek to subjugate an entire people. This is not because American soldiers are evil people, it's because they're trapped by conditions which invite atrocities, even though many to their credit resist such temptations as best they can, and this should of course also be mentioned.

What's most sinister about this whole thing is that Sinclair is using its vast powers to compel its stations to air propaganda with no chance for the victims to respond in a timely manner before the elections.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, in order to render the media truly public servants - or else make them pay through the nose for their rights to use the air ways.